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SUBJ: IRANIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD NORTH YEMEN

REF: SANA 130, SANA 658, STATE 37123

1. RECENTLY ADCM HAD OCCASION TO DISCUSS IRAN'S POLICY TOWARD THE YAR IN A GENERAL WAY WITH MFA DEPARTMENT HEAD DAVOUDI. HE MENTIONED AN IMPRESSION HE HAD GOTTEN THAT THERE WERE SOME REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE YAR IN CONNECTION WITH A VARIETY OF VISITS EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

2. DAVOUDI SLAPPED THAT ONE DOWN RATHER DEFINITELY. HE SAID YAR WAS ALWAYS ASKING PEOPLE FOR AID. HE WAS AWARE THAT SAUDIS AND USG WERE RESPONSIVE TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, AND WITH A SHRUG CLEARLY IMPLIED IRAN WOULD LEAVE YAR TO OTHERS. HE MENTIONED THAT AFP REPORTER HERE HAD GOTTEN HOLD OF STORY THAT YEMEN PRESIDENT OR PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE VISITING TEHRAN SHORT TIME AGO AND GAVE IT AS AN EXAMPLE OF MISINFORMATION IN THE PRESS. HE SAID CATEGORICALLY THAT NO YAR LEADER HAD OR WOULD BE VISITING IRAN AS FAR AS HE KNEW.

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3. COMMENT: WE AGREE COMPLETELY WITH DEPARTMENT THAT USG CANNOT PROFITABLY UNDERTAKE ANY INTERMEDIARY ROLE WITH GOI ON THIS QUESTION. FROM DISCUSSING THE BROADER SCENE INVOLVING THE TWO YEMENS, IT IS CLEAR THAT GOI DOES NOT WISH TO COMPETE WITH SAUDIS OR OTHERWISE MUDDY THE WATERS IN WHAT GOI VIEWS AS PRIMARILY A SAUDI SHOW. IRANIANS WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH CLOSELY EVIDENCES OF SINCERITY IN

PDRY LEADERSHIP WHICH MIGHT DERIVE FROM SAUDI ASSISTANCE
TO THAT COUNTRY. UP TO NOW THEY HAVE BEEN SKEPTICAL OF
ANY LASTING CHANGES IN PDRY POLICY, THOUGH A DEFINITIVE
END TO THE DHOFAR INSURGENCY WOULD PROBABLY IMPRESS THEM
IN THE LONG RUN.

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